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Six West Philadelphia parishes will merge into three effective Jan. 27, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia announced yesterday. The mergers are a result of the ongoing Parish Pastoral Planning Area initiative, which last summer led to the mergers of 12 parishes in Coatesville and Northwest Philadelphia. METRO

Local tweet

"I could get hit by a bus and break every bone in my body later, but I wouldn't even care because THE #FLYERS ARE BACK!"

@FIGHTINFORPHI WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT THE NHL LOCKOUT ENDED SUNDAY.

In the news

Three shot in front of Wheels of Soul

WEST PHILADELPHIA. Three people were shot early yesterday morning outside the Wheels of Soul Motorcycle Club near 61st and Market streets.

Police said a gunman opened fire shortly before 6 a.m. One man, who has not yet been identified, was shot in the head and is hospitalized in critical condition.

A second man, 34, was shot in the buttocks, thigh, back and shoulder, while a 47-year-old man was shot in the leg. Both are hospitalized in stable condition.

This isn't the first time allegations of violence have swirled around the club.

One man was killed and a second man was hospitalized in critical condition following a shooting outside the same location in August. The West Philadelphia chapter's clubhouse was raided by federal agents in the summer of 2011 in connection with a national investigation into drug dealing and racketeering allegations. METRO

Group against beach tags

NEW JERSEY. The Greater Wildwoods Tourism Improvement and Development Authority has come out against the City of Wildwood's decision on Friday to move forward with a referendum vote on creating a beach tag program.

The organization said charging admission would hurt the tourism economy and lead to the loss of a portion of the hotel tax currently earmarked for beach upkeep, as well as a tourism fee used to pay boardwalk police for event support. METRO

Many first-time offenders getting a second chance

Program allows non-violent offenders to wipe their slate clean of drug charges and avoid jail

When District Attorney Seth Williams was initially campaigning for the office, he promised to give back to the community. As a down payment on that promise, Williams launched The Choice Is Yours (TCY) last February. TCY is an innovative diversionary program for first-time, non-violent offenders ages 18-29 who have been charged with possession with intent to distribute 2 to 20 grams of powder or crack cocaine.

While the program is still young, TCY has greatly exceeded expectations, with only a 10 percent recidivism rate, according to early figures.

In a wide-ranging interview on Saturday, Williams made it clear that he believes in taking a "holistic" and "smart on crime" approach to fighting crime by adapting the "best practices" in the national law enforcement for Philadelphia.

Williams is focusing his office's efforts on public safety, not prosecutions.

TCY's pilot program, which was funded primarily by a $1.3 million grant from the Lenfest Foundation and William Penn Foundation, is modeled after San Francisco's Back on Track program. It allows participants, who are facing one to two years in prison, to wipe their criminal slate clean after completing an arduous program.

The youth in the program seem to appreciate the second chance — and surprisingly, quite a few relished the discipline.

"TCY got me off the streets. I wake up in the morning and know where I have to go," says one participant who, given the nature of the program, asked not to be identified.

Parents, too, are grateful for the opportunities that the program offers. "TCY is a gift from God," said one mother. "My son is 18. He had never been in trouble before and now he has a chance to start over."

Laura Goldman
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Quoted

"Since the 1950s we have locked up seven times the amount of people, but we are not seven times safer."
SETH WILLIAMS

Cost comparison

40K

The biggest winner may be the Pennsylvania taxpayer. The tab for a prisoner is $40,000 a year while the total cost for a TCY participant is $5,000

Order in court

The ringmaster of TCY is Judge Marsha Neifield, whose hearings in Courtroom 305 more resemble a collaborative graduate seminar than an adversarial courtroom proceeding. She practically burst with pride at the ability of one candidate to hold a job that started at 7:30 a.m.

She had previously assigned her to write an essay on the virtues of punctuality due to her constant tardiness.

"Before this, the only 7:30 that you ever saw was 7:30 p.m.," she noted.

Snow. Surprise

▶ Many Philadelphians were surprised to see snow out their window yesterday morning.

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

Unexpected snow cover won't last long

The view from Fairmount Park's Belmont Plateau was unusually frosty yesterday morning after an unexpected overnight storm brought a dusting of snow to the region. Enjoy it while you can – with the National Weather Service is forecasting temperatures in the upper 40s for the rest of the week, so any further precipitation is likely to take the form of rain. METRO/AW

News in brief

More violence this weekend

PHILADELPHIA. A group of men beat a 26-year-old to death in West Philadelphia Saturday night. The victim, who police say was assaulted on the 500 block of North 55th Street around 10 p.m., died a half hour later at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

Another man, 52, was stabbed twice just after 11 p.m. Friday in West Oak Lane in an unrelated incident. The victim is hospitalized in critical condition following the attack on the 6500 block of Limekiln Pike, police said. No arrests have been made. METRO

2 There were two victims — one killed, the other critically wounded — in weekend violence.

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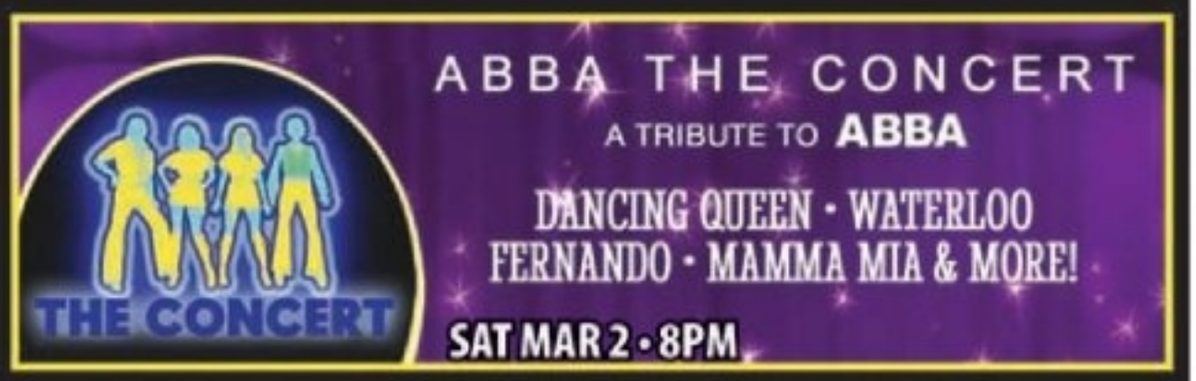

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In the news

Rapist gets 107 years in prison

PHILADELPHIA. A judge on Friday sentenced 22-year-old Travis Truesdale to a prison term of up to 107 years for rape, robbery and related offenses.

Truesdale pleaded guilty in October 2011 to attacking two girls, aged 13 and 16, in two violent sexual assaults at the same Olney bus stop.

During the second attack, neighbors heard the girls' screams and intervened, holding Truesdale down until police arrived. METRO

In the news

Carrillo

Guilty plea in Old City beating death

PHILADELPHIA. One of three men arrested and charged in connection with the beating death of 23-year-old Kevin Kless following an altercation in Old City last January pleaded guilty Friday to involuntary manslaughter.

Felix Carrillo, 23, who was first charged with third-degree murder, was sentenced to two to five years in prison. Carrillo, along with Kenneth Santiago, 20, and Steven Ferguson, 21, were allegedly in a car behind a taxi Kless tried to hail at Fourth and Chestnut streets in the early morning of Jan. 14.

When the taxi did not stop, Kless cursed, according to investigators. Thinking it was directed at them, Carrillo, Santiago and Ferguson allegedly got out of their car and beat Kless. Ferguson is accused of landing the fatal punch.

Ferguson and Santiago remain free on bail and still face charges of third-degree murder, assault and conspiracy. They are due in court on Jan. 29. METRO

3 Number of defendants

Opinion

JOHN BOLARIS

BOLARIS VISION

THIS ISN'T A PITY PARTY

I'm looking back on 2012 and, well, it was like getting hit hard with a Joe Frazier left hook. Head spinning, numb, free-falling in slow motion until your entire body hits the canvas — it's been an insane year, my friends.

In case you haven't been following, I lost my dream job as chief meteorologist, helped take down masterminds of a Russian mob, sued American Express (count this as a win), appeared on Dr. Phil, got engaged on the Howard Stern Show, moved to the burbs as the city became too costly, and finally had to sell my dream home — the one I worked all my life for, the one my little girl called "the magic house." I still don't have the heart to tell her that I sold it.

This isn't a pity party for me. Many of you have suffered greatly during this past year, and many of you have struggled much longer. But what I've learned is that struggles make your inner self stronger — you become more compassionate and understanding. Something else I realized is that you definitely find out who your true friends are, both personally and professionally.

Quoted

"But what I've learned is that struggles make your inner self stronger – you become more compassionate and understanding."

Everyone in life makes mistakes, nobody is holier-than-thou and the people who act that way are only kidding themselves. I've learned so much over this past year and am really excited about 2013. For those of you who have been set adrift, let's make 2013 our year. Here's my plan:

1. First thing in the morning, hug your child and partner and tell them you love them.
2. Smile, and be positive throughout the day — positive vibes go a long way.
3. Exercise — it's a must for physical and mental health.
4. Do not get overwhelmed when you feel your ship is sinking one bucket of water at a time.
5. Health is wealth — never forget this.
6. Be nice to people. You will be shocked at how good you feel.
7. Strive to be the very best at what you do.
8. Preparation is the key to success.
9. Never cheat.
10. Always tip your waitress or waiter — and your bartender, too!

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India, Pakistan clash in Kashmir

ISLAMABAD. A Pakistani soldier was killed and another injured in a gunfight between Indian and Pakistani troops in Kashmir yesterday, a disputed incident that could heighten tensions between the nuclear neighbors after a period of rapprochement.

The Pakistani army said Indian troops had raided their Sawan Patra check post in Kashmir, a hotly contested area both countries claim as their own. **REUTERS**

Quoted

"Pakistan army troops effectively responded and repulsed the attack."

A PAKISTANI ARMY SPOKESMAN, IN A STATEMENT

Nixon remembered in centennial celebration

▶ Nixon

LOS ANGELES. A planned yearlong centennial celebration of Richard Nixon's birth kicked off yesterday at his presidential library in Southern California, with military honors and the laying of a wreath by the eldest daughter of the late 37th U.S. president.

Nixon, the Cold War-era Republican stalwart who opened U.S. relations with communist China and became the only American president to resign from office, leaving the White House in disgrace over the Watergate scandal, would have turned 100 this week. **REUTERS**

US drone attack kills 10 in Pakistan

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, PAKISTAN. A U.S. drone strike killed at least 10 suspected Taliban fighters in Pakistan's northern tribal areas yesterday, intelligence sources said, days after another drone strike killed a top militant leader in the area.

The attack on three Taliban compounds in Babar Pehari, South Waziristan, killed between 10 and 12 people, six intelligence sources said. More militants were believed to be in the compounds when they were hit, meaning the death toll may rise. **REUTERS**

Report: Obama, Biden attempt wider gun control methods

The White House is weighing a far broader approach to curbing U.S. gun violence than just reinstating a ban on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, the Washington Post reported yesterday.

A working group led by Vice President Joe Biden is seriously considering measures that would require universal background checks for gun buyers and track the movement and sale of weapons through a national database, the newspaper said.

The measures would also strengthen mental health checks and stiffen penalties for carrying guns near schools or giving them to minors, the Post said. The approach is backed by law enforcement leaders, it said.

▶ Protesters demonstrate against the National Rifle Association.

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President Barack Obama assigned Biden the job of designing the strategy after the massacre at a Newtown, Conn., elementary school last month that killed 20 children and six adults.

To sell such changes, the White House is developing strategies to work around the National Rifle Association, the powerful gun lobby.

They include rallying support from Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and other gun retailers for measures that would benefit their businesses, the Post said. **REUTERS**

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▶ Bloomberg

NYC mayor

The White House has been in contact with advisers to New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, a gun control advocate who could emerge as a surrogate for the administration's agenda, the paper said.

The Post cited several people involved in the administration's talks on gun control for its story. They included Dan Gross, president of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, and Chuck Wexler, executive director of the Police Executive Research Forum. **REUTERS**

Obama to nominate Hagel as defense secretary

President Obama will nominate former Republican Sen. Chuck Hagel to be his defense secretary, with an announcement possibly arriving today, a Democratic congressional aide said.

The choice will likely set up a confirmation battle in the Senate over whether the former Nebraska senator and Vietnam veteran is a strong enough supporter of key U.S. ally Israel and over his past calls for military cuts.

The Obama administration backed down from a tough Senate confirmation battle over Susan Rice, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, who was Obama's first pick to replace Hillary Clinton as secretary of state. Rice withdrew her name from consideration after drawing heavy fire from Republicans for remarks she made in the aftermath of a Sept. 11, 2012, attack on the U.S. mission in Benghazi, Libya. **REUTERS**

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▶ Hagel

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MRIs are shedding light on romance. Helen Fisher has studied love for more than 30 years. With a team at Rutgers, she scanned the brains of individuals in different phases of relationships and found surprising results.

Love shines brightest not in those head over heels but in the recently dumped. Three brain regions activate; romantic love, risk-taking and individual attachment. Pain from losing a partner is a survival instinct not for the individual, but for species perpetuation. A lyric by the Doors describes the feeling: "Don't you love her as she's walking out the door."

Speaking of Jim Morrison, cocaine affects one of the same regions as romance. Fisher describes the dwelling of love as "way below your cognitive thinking process. It's below your emotions. It's part of what we call the reptilian core of the brain, associated with wanting, with motivation, with focus and with craving." Love is an addiction, including tolerance, withdrawal and relapse.

We're all hooked. College students were asked if they've been rejected by someone they love or if they've rejected someone who loves them. Nearly 95 percent said yes to both. As Fisher says, "Almost nobody gets out of love alive."

There is hope. The drive for a romantic mate focuses energy to raise offspring as a team and increase the chance of survival. Love highlights strengths and downplays weaknesses in a spouse. A truck driver once poetically explained, "The world had a new center, and that center was Mary Anne."

Romance is not wasted on the young. Art Aron thought to scan individuals in long-term relationships claiming to be in love. Fisher reveals, "They're not lying. The brain areas associated with intense romantic love still become active 25 years later."

Mystery remains. For example, why — in a room of people with similar looks, intelligence and beliefs — can one stranger stand out? Helen Fisher's current research uses dating website Chemistry.com to study what makes two brain systems complementary.

Until more is revealed, take a hint from science. Maintain some mystery and do something new with someone special — both release dopamine, a gateway drug vital to triggering love.

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In the news

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▶ Depardieu and Putin

Depardieu dines with Putin after getting a new Russian passport

MOSCOW. Gerard Depardieu, the French actor who was granted Russian citizenship, met President Vladimir Putin in the Black Sea resort of Sochi after receiving his new passport, according to a statement on the Kremlin's website.

Two photographs on the site show the actor, who played Grigory Rasputin in a 2011 film about the peasant monk famous for his mystical influence over Russia's last Tsar Nicholas II and his wife Alexandra, dining with Putin yesterday and embracing him. Depardieu and Putin discussed the actor's work in the Franco-Russian production, according to the statement. Depardieu's new passport is "good news for Russian cinema," French Budget Minister Jerome Cahuzac said yesterday on Europe 1 radio. Still, "I find it a bit ludicrous that for tax reasons, this man decided to exile himself so far to the east."

Depardieu, who bought a home in Belgium and applied for citizenship there before Putin offered a Russian passport, said he did so to flee taxes imposed on the wealthy in France. **BLOOMBERG**

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Depardieu says he's developed close links with Russia, which has a flat 13-percent personal income tax rate.

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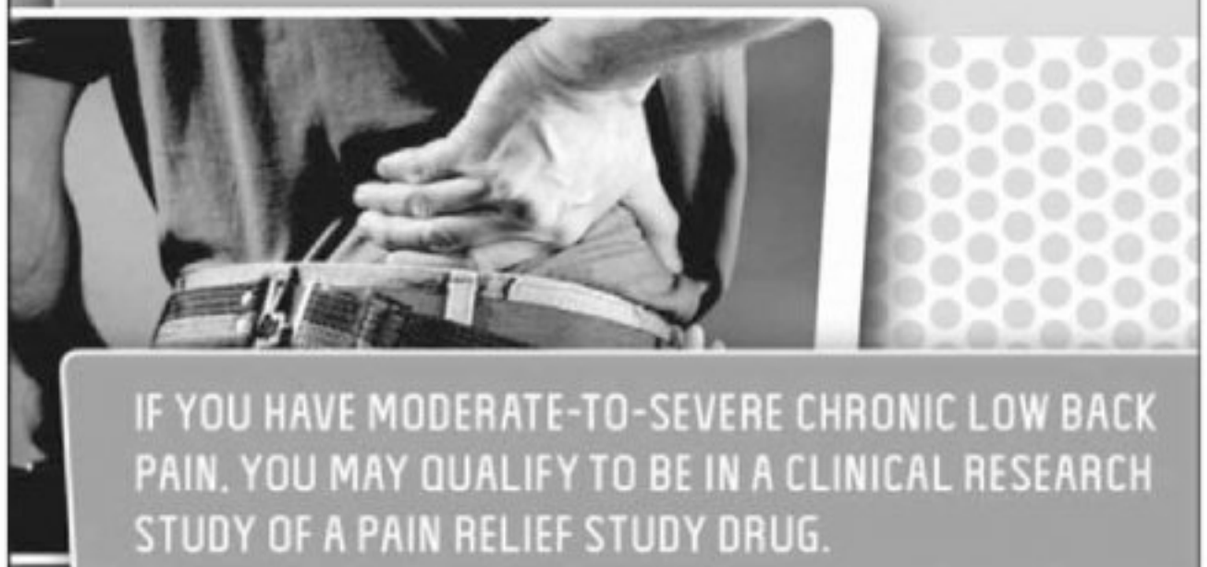

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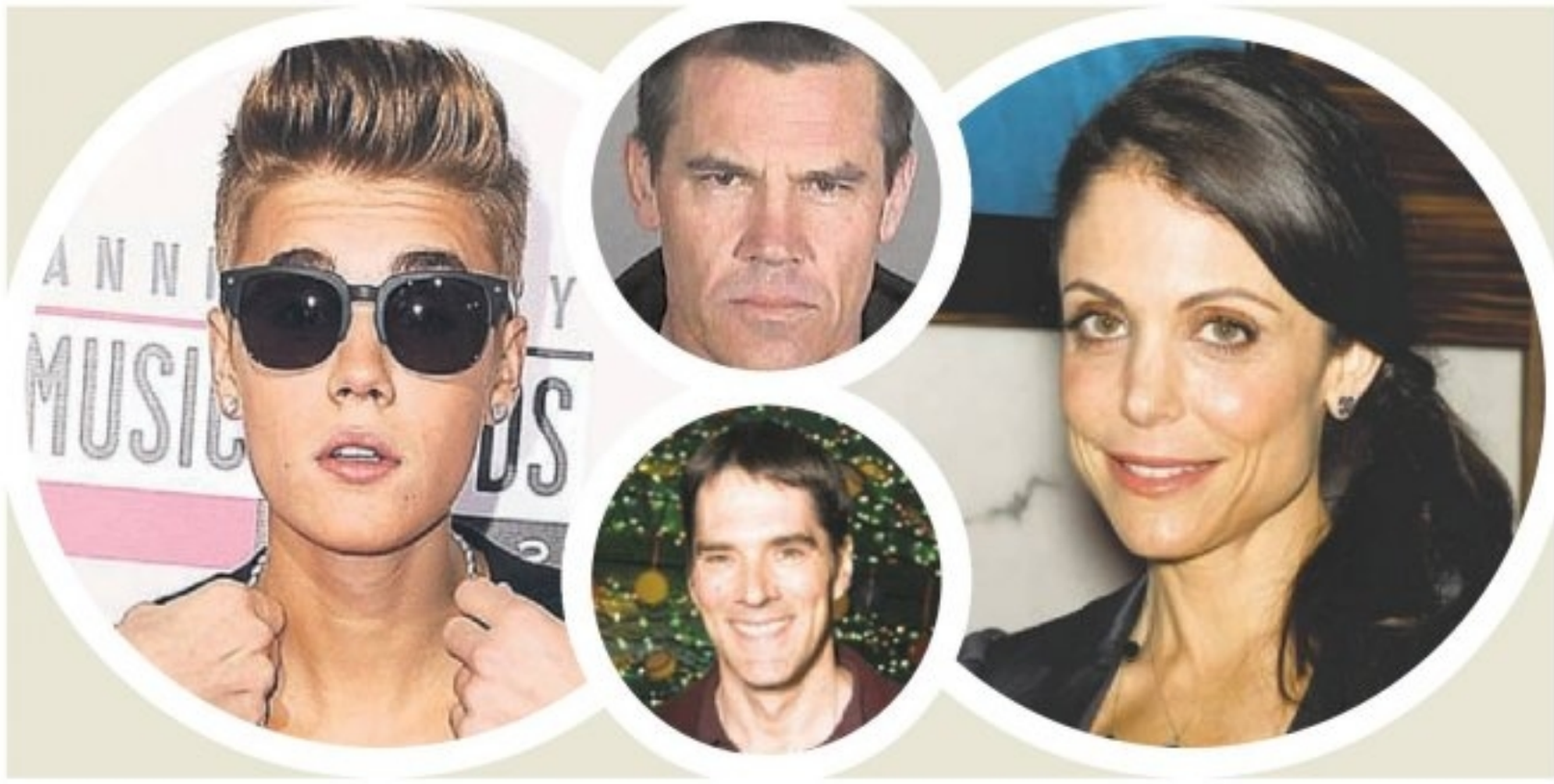
January is shaping up to be a bad month for these stars



Is it the weather? The new year? Holiday hangovers? Seasonal affective disorder? Whatever it is, something is happening this month with celebrities and the law.

- Over the weekend, TMZ.com posted photos of **Justin Bieber** smoking what appears to be marijuana. But the singer is trying to take the controversy in stride. "Everyday growing and learning. Trying to be better. [You] get knocked down, [you] get up," Bieber posted to his fans on Twitter. "Back on tour tomorrow. Ready to see [you] all smile. Time to do what I'm supposed to be doing. Performing."

- **Josh Brolin**, who is no stranger to getting into trouble in bars while drinking, was arrested at 11:30 p.m. on Jan. 1 for public intoxication outside a Santa Monica, Calif., bar, according to E! News. "He was intoxicated and unable to care for himself," a police spokesman says. "He was booked and released with no further action pending." If his mug shot is any indication, Brolin wasn't too thrilled about the ordeal.

- **Bethenny Frankel** filed for divorce from her husband, **Jason Hoppy,** in New York City last week. The former "Housewife" took to Twitter about the split: "To those of you who are being supportive: thank you. To those of you who are judging: I totally get it."

- "Criminal Minds" and "Dharma & Greg" star **Thomas Gibson** was arrested Sunday morning for suspicion of a DUI, TMZ reports. Gibson attempted to drive through a part of downtown Los Angeles that had been sectioned off for a half- marathon; he was told he couldn't drive through, but he did anyway (I'm guessing he did the ol' "Don't you know who I am?" to the cops and the cops were like, "No, not really.") None to happy about being ignored, the police caught up with him and smelled booze in the car. The actor refused to take a breathalyzer test but was arrested on suspicion of DUI anyway.

Hot looks

▶ No Pea in the Pod for Kardashian?

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So far, Kim Kardashian's maternity wear sticks to two looks: Black and sheer. The reality TV star is pictured here on New Year's Eve in Las Vegas, left, and in Calgary, Canada on Friday.

Talking points

Chastain on the Hollywood dating scene

As "Zero Dark Thirty" star **Jessica Chastain**'s fame increases, don't expect her to become part of a Hollywood couple. "I have dated an actor before, at Juilliard, but since then, I've only been on a couple of dates with one and I was so freaked out someone was going to take a picture of us, because they were famous," she tells InStyle. Of course, it wasn't just the potential for paparazzi that got to her. "I realized I wanted just to be able to hang out with someone, and I didn't want to talk about the business, first of all," she says. "I love movies. But I love talking about them like when I was 15 years old. I'm a film fan, but I don't want to talk about auditions or what movie I'm gonna do. I find that so boring."

Crowe on the 'Les Miz' haters

Russell Crowe knows how to handle criticism, especially when it comes to his singing in "Les Miserables." Singer **Adam Lambert** took to Twitter to complain about the film, posting that it "suffered massively [because of] great actors pretending to be singers." But apparently there are no hard feelings, as Crowe himself posted to Twitter, "I don't disagree with Adam. Sure it could have been sweetened, [director **Tom**] **Hooper** wanted it raw and real, that's how it was."

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Pink is challenging herself, Elizabeth Hurley is trying to understand cricket, Bill Maher was hoping for more progress and Kevin Nealon doesn't trust the government.

@Pink
Bikram yoga kicked my entire ass today. At one point I almost hit the panic button. #amateur

@ElizabethHurley
When people say it's a 'good wicket'....do they mean for the batsmen or bowlers? Confused.....

@billmaher
Looks like Obama's keeping Gitmo, they just can't close it- it's the Olive Garden of prisons; it gets terrible reviews but somehow stays open

@kevin_nealon
I wouldn't mind paying the government more taxes but I know they're just gonna spend it on booze.

Pink

Can it be? These stars will see the big 5-0 in 2013

1. **Brad Pitt?** 50? Yup! The star hits this milestone on Dec. 18.

2. **Johnny Depp** has until June 9 to live it up in his 40s.

3. "Harry Potter" actor **Jason Isaacs** turns 50 on June 6.

4. **Seal** will celebrate his big birthday on Feb. 19.

5. But he looks so young! **Quentin Tarantino** hits his fifth decade of life on March 27.

6. Freedom! '50? **George Michael** gets there on June 25.

7. Even after his 50th birthday on Aug. 19, **John Stamos** will still be able to sell us Greek yogurt.

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By the numbers: 'Texas Chainsaw'

Oh Leatherface, you never seem to leave us. Since the release of the smash hit in 1974, which was filmed on a shoestring budget, Hollywood has desperately sought to capture the magic of the power tool-wielding killer. In looking at the seven film installments of the franchise, we've learned a few things: 1. The Renee Zellweger and Matthew McConaughey combination in 1994 did little to interest the franchise's fan base; 2. Even Viggo Mortensen had to star in a horror movie at one point; 3. Low critics' ratings do little to keep an audience away in the modern age.

'The Texas Chain Saw Massacre'

Year of release: 1974
Starring: Gunnar Hansen (Leatherface)
Domestic Gross: $30,859,000

91%

Rotten Tomatoes Critics' Rating: 91% approval

'The Texas Chainsaw Massacre 2'

Year of release: 1986
Starring: Dennis Hopper
Domestic Gross: $8,025,872
Rotten Tomatoes Critics' Rating: 45% approval

'Leatherface: The Texas Chainsaw Massacre III'

Year of release: 1990
Starring: Viggo Mortensen
Domestic Gross: $5,765,562
Rotten Tomatoes Critics' Rating: 14% approval

'Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Next Generation'

Year of Release: 1994
Starring: Renee Zellweger and Matthew McConaughey
Domestic Gross: $44,272
Rotten Tomatoes Critics' Rating: 17% approval

'The Texas Chainsaw Massacre'

Year of Release: 2003
Starring: Jessica Biel
Domestic Gross: $80,571,655
Rotten Tomatoes Critics' Rating: 36% approval

'The Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning'

Year of Release: 2006
Starring: Jordana Brewster
Domestic Gross: $39,517,763
Rotten Tomatoes Critics' Rating: 12% approval

'Texas Chainsaw 3D'

Year of Release: 2013
Starring: Alexandra Daddario, Trey Songz
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▶ Kevin Meehan and Kate Czajkowski star in "Assistance," now playing at the Wilma Theater.

From the watercooler to the stage

Now on stage at the Wilma, 'Assistance' mines the universal humor of horrible bosses

Actors sometimes have to dig deep in order to connect with the characters they portray. But when playing a tyrannical Manhattan exec's young assistant in Leslye Headland's "Assistance," Kate Czajkowski easily tapped into a universal experience.

"We've all had horrible bosses," Czajkowski says. In her case, it was the manager of an upscale knick-knack store in Seattle. "He would berate those of us who worked there on a regular basis. Our paychecks were constantly bouncing and he was a total jerk to us, so it was pretty frequent that he would lose it on someone and they would walk out the door grabbing a couple things on their way. Most of us left that place with a really amazing sugar bowl."

"Leslye has managed to capture this millennial quick-witted repartee, cynicism and gallows humor, but it doesn't feel like hipster-speak."

CZAJKOWSKI ON "ASSISTANCE," BY LESLYE HEADLAND

Headland herself had perhaps the ultimate bad-boss experience, working for notorious movie mogul Harvey Weinstein. But the experience is familiar enough that "Assistance" has been optioned for an NBC television series to be produced by Will Ferrell.

Czajkowski praises Headland's knack for combining contemporary pop culture references with classic screwball comedy pacing. "Leslye has managed to capture this millennial quick-witted repartee, cynicism and gallows humor, but it doesn't feel like hipster-speak," she says. "There's this timeless, kinetic quality about the language; it's exciting to be this person who has the right remark at the right time, even if it ends up having a devastating effect."

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TV watch list

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▶ Detective Joanna Locasto (Meagan Good) is welcomed back into the Bowers fold by patriarch Robert (Victor Garber) on "Deception."

'Deception'

DRAMA. After the super-privileged, uber-rich party girl Vivian Bowers passes away, the FBI puts detective Joanna Locasto (Meagan Good) — who grew up with the elite clan when her mother worked on their estate — back into the Bowers' lives to investigate whether the death was actually murder. But a possible homicide becomes just one of Joanna's worries when she begins to uncover the family's dark secrets in this "Revenge"-like drama. **Series premiere, 10 p.m., NBC**

'Vanderpump Rules'

REALITY. "Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" star Lisa Vanderpump gets a spinoff focusing on her swank Los Angeles restaurant and the pretty, petty servers who work there. **Series premiere, 9 p.m., Bravo**

'The Bachelor'

REALITY. Sean Lowe — the 28-year-old Texan whose heart was broken by Emily Maynard on "The Bachelorette" — is the one handing out roses this season. **Season premiere, 8 p.m., ABC**

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COMEDY. The dancers are back — but Michelle is still MIA after the "Nutcracker" debacle.
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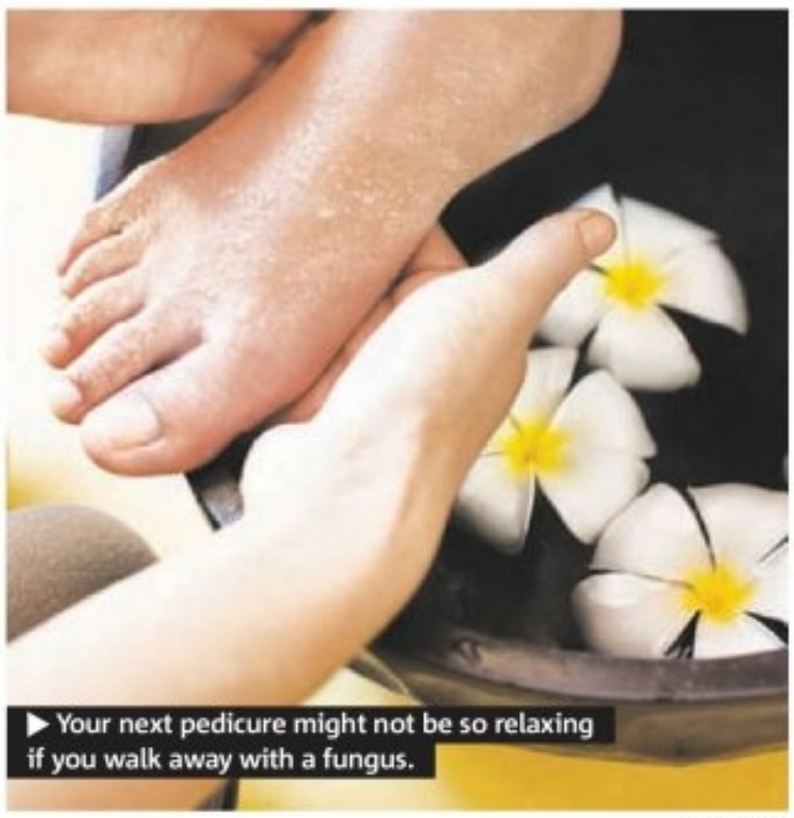
Is it safe to trust a spa found online?

Groupon, LivingSocial and other sale sites offer discounts on popular spa procedures — but will you end up paying for it later?

If you're tempted by all those online spa treatment offers, but worried about safety, read on: Leading spa consultant and Repechage CEO Lydia Sarfati has some tips on what to watch out for when buying a cosmetic treatment online.



▶ Your next pedicure might not be so relaxing if you walk away with a fungus.

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Ask the hard questions: After your standard Google searches, Sarfati recommends calling the spa and doing a mini-interview about what it's like there. Find out: Does she have the proper licensing? Does she have CIDESCO licensing [the gold standard of aesthetics licensing]? Tell her about your concerns with your skin and see what she recommends.

Make sure it's sterile: "The spa should be clean and sanitized," Sarfati adds. "If they don't have autoclave machines [devices used to sterilize equipment] in each treatment room, chances are they aren't sterilizing properly. As double dipping is always a risk, make sure your spa provides uni-dose facial treatments that are opened just for you and thrown away after your treatment. Unsanitary spas and salons are a breeding ground for fungus, bacteria, herpes, athlete's foot, warts, swine flu, MRSA and other diseases."

Safer Botox

New York dermatologist Dr. Ariel Ostad has some important Botox tips.

- Make sure the spa is using real Botox from Allergan.
- The person performing your Botox should be an experienced medical doctor. "An M.D. can deal with any complications and is better trained in facial anatomy than a P.A. or R.N.," Dr. Ostad says.
- Get a consultation before any treatment "so there is a understanding on where and what will be injected, how much will be used, the risks and side effects, what results to expect and post-procedure care."
- Make sure they are following proper sanitation standards, including "working on sanitized surfaces, washing their hands, using fresh needles, cleansing the skin with alcohol and wearing gloves."

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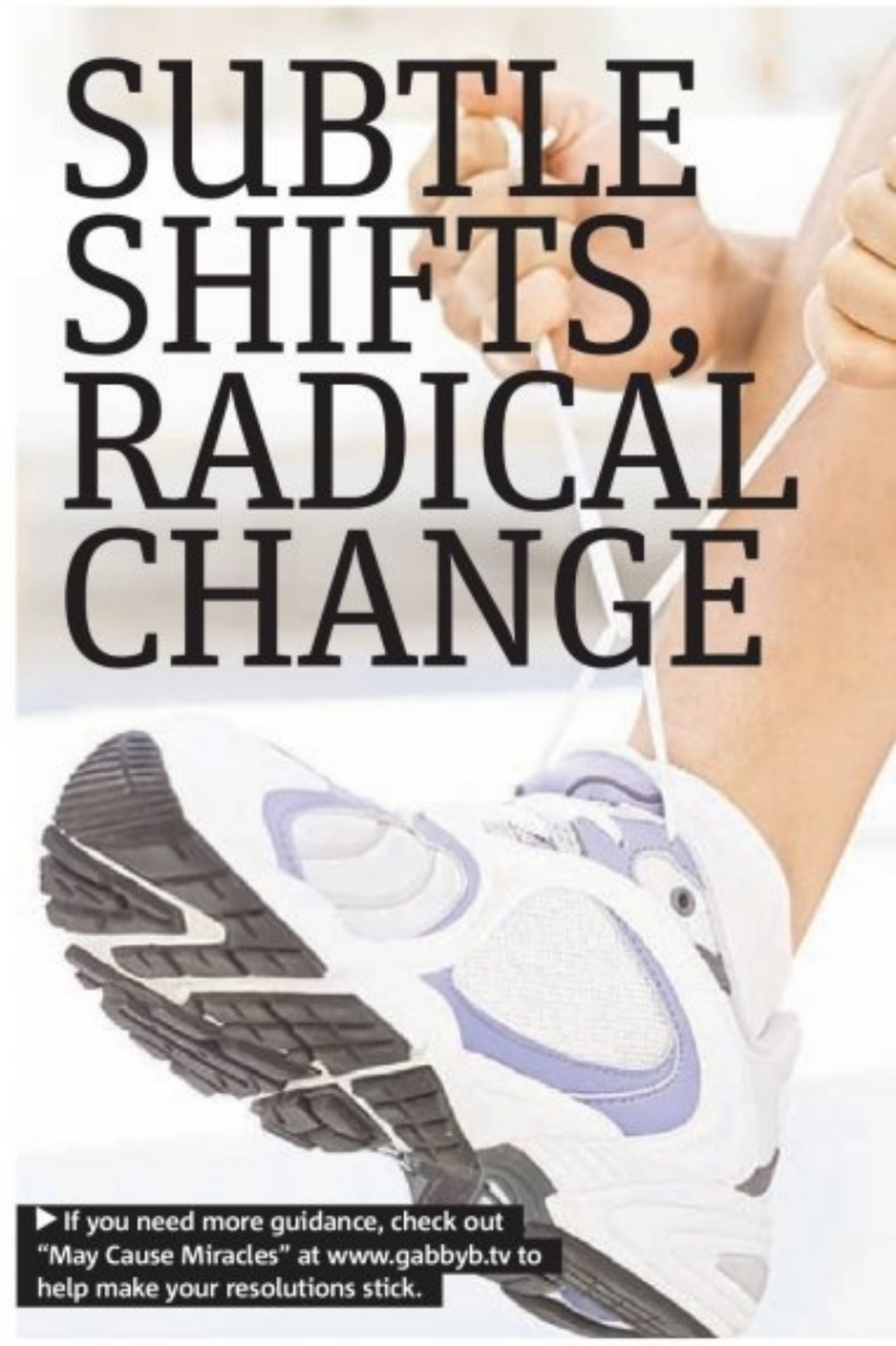

▶ If you need more guidance, check out "May Cause Miracles" at www.gabbyb.tv to help make your resolutions stick.

Repeat, repeat, repeat

The key element to making change stick is a 40-day practice of repeating new behavior. It's this repetition that will allow you to truly make your desired change last. Studies show that 40 days of repeating new behavior reprograms your brain by reversing neural pathways. This changes your patterns and therefore your life.

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By the time we're a week into January, the party's over. The holiday binge expires, the hangover wears off and we're left without excuses for gluttonous behavior. Consequently, we hop on the resolution bandwagon. January is traditionally considered to be the perfect time to create change. Unfortunately, real change rarely lasts.

It's not that resolutions are doomed. In fact, making a resolution can be a powerful choice — as long as you do it right. There are a few common reasons why people have trouble making resolutions stick. For instance, I witness many people try to "do it all" at once, hoping to rapidly overhaul their lives by force of sheer determination. Making change isn't about a single major shift — real change comes from adding up subtle shifts. In my new book, "May Cause Miracles," I offer a guide to making subtle shifts for radical change. Want to truly commit to your resolution this year? Follow these four tips from the book to make your resolution stick.

1 You gotta want it: Willingness is the key to long-lasting change. Throughout my life I've made radical changes. I've been sober for seven years, I've been off dairy for more than a year and I've committed to a daily meditation practice for the past eight years. I did struggle to change patterns due to a lack of willingness. My primo example? Coffee. It's taken me half a decade to overcome my addiction to caffeine. I just didn't want to give it up. Then, about two weeks ago I heard that inner voice say, "It's time to let it go." Something clicked and willingness set in. Whether you hit some major bottom or you simply have an internal quantum shift, it is imperative to allow willingness to set in before you begin the journey toward change.

2 Keep it simple: We must surrender to the fact that real change happens by adding up subtle shifts. When we add up these moments, we create new behavior. It's important to keep it simple and stay in the day. Instead of getting overwhelming by focusing on changing your whole life right now, simply begin paying attention to the moment-to-moment subtle shifts. Trust that the miracle lies within the subtleties.

3 Just show up: If 90 percent of creating a new habit is just showing up, then we can take the pressure off. Stop waiting for something major to happen — just show up. If you're inspired to create permanent change, keep it simple and commit to creating subtle shifts of new behavior for the next 40 days. Already broke your resolution? You can begin again today! Each day offers new opportunities.

*— **Gabrielle Bernstein** is the author of "Spirit Junkie."*

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4 NOVEL WAYS TO SEARCH FOR JOBS IN 2013

It's a tough job market out there, which means you're going to have to step up your game if you want to land your next gig.

In this spirit, some bold individuals are finding extreme ways to proactively market themselves to potential employers.

While these unique (and sometimes wacky) tactics might not work for everyone, there are valuable lessons to be learned from these outside-the-box job search ideas.

Try an unconventional résumé format

Infographic résumés are making a big splash with creative people the world over. These graphic takes on a traditional résumé can highlight key functional skills as well as an applicant's personality in a dramatic and eye-catching way. Video résumés are also making a big comeback. While video résumés can sometimes come across as incredibly cheesy, some have taken the idea of a video CV beyond its typical awkward format.

If you're sticking to a traditional format, try thinking about novel ways to describe your skill set to reflect what's unique about you.

See your name in lights

Rather than relying on a résumé to get her name out there, one woman from Atlanta, Ga., used the holiday season to publicize her job hunt by spelling out "My wish, HR job, Liz Hickok, LinkedIn" with strings of Christmas lights on the side of her house. Other job-seekers have spent thousands of dollars on billboard advertisements.

While their confidence is to be admired, most of us won't be plastering our mugs on a roadside billboard. If there is something we can learn from these blatant self-promoters, it's that it's critical to get your name "out there," whether through social media, a personal website or networking like crazy.

Create your own personal ad campaign

Alec Brownstein, a 28-year-old copywriter, landed a job through a fantastically simple personal marketing campaign. When advertising execs Googled their own names, Brownstein's paid ad was the first result on the page. The ad directed these potential employers to his personal website, and resulted in multiple job offers. The stunt cost mere cents per click, for a total of $6. Like Brownstein, you should learn where your potential employers hang out online, and use that channel to connect with them.

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Get employers to compete for your affection

Andrew Horner decided that after two years of job searching, he was going to turn the tables and ask employers to apply to have him work at their company. With a bold list of "must haves," he set up a website (www.reversejobapplication.com) which went viral once people got wind of his "reverse job application" scheme. Horner ended up landing himself a job and keeps the website active to inspire others to ask: "What do employers have to offer me?"

When you're looking at a potential job, you should be interviewing your potential employer. What advantages does the company offer? What is the culture like? Ask the right questions to be sure it will be the right fit.

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The new year is a time for self-reflection, goal-setting and, of course, resolutions.

Most people's resolutions involve improving their lives in some way, and having the right wardrobe can pave the way for opportunity, both personally and professionally. Research suggests that upward of 90 percent of all communication is nonverbal. Your appearance and wardrobe play a huge role in communicating who you are and what your potential is to a prospective employer.

Round 1: Evaluate your closet

It's likely that you have items in your closet that are holding you back from presenting your best "self" to the world, not to mention cluttering up your closet.

If you know that an item in your closet no longer fits, toss it, donate it to charity or give it to a friend who can use it — you need to dress for the size you are, not the size you used to be. Clothing that is too big gives off a sloppy and unprofessional image, not to mention it makes you look bigger than you are. Clothing that is too small is not only inappropriate but gives off a juvenile image — not the best look when you're advancing your career.

The same goes for clothing that's too worn or dated: These items have no business in your 2013 closet.

What you need:

The basics

Seek quality over quantity where possible, and keep trendy pieces cheap and cheerful.

Every man and woman needs:

- Wool blend suits in neutral colors — black, gray or navy — that are professionally tailored
- Tailored white button-up shirts
- Dress shoes in black and brown

Round 2: Shop with a plan

It's never a good idea to go grocery shopping on an empty stomach without a list. The same principle applies to your wardrobe. If you don't plan, you will inevitably buy things you don't need and will end up with a lot of waste and less money in your bank account. Figure out what pieces you need to complement your existing wardrobe and plan from there.

Get on retailers' e-mail lists or follow them on Facebook and Twitter to receive notices of upcoming sales and shopping events. Finding the right items takes time and patience, but you can gain an advantage by doing some research before wandering around the mall.

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3 Ways you can crowdsource your job search

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▶ Thanks to LinkedIn and other career networking sites, your potential new co-workers aren't anonymous.

In 2013, there's no reason to head into an interview unprepared Use your online connections to get a behind-the-scenes view

Any job-seeker can tell you the job market is tough right now. This makes it even more important to go into your interview armed with research and prepared for anything.

With social media tools, much of this research can now be crowdsourced through social channels. Your online pals and social media connections could hold the key to your dream job if you know who and what to ask. Here are three ways to get started:

Know the position

Not everything you need to know about the job is in the formal job description. The best place to find out what life is like in a given position is a space where people with that job title gather. This could be an industry-specific Twitter chat, a LinkedIn group or even a Meetup event. Once you've identified contacts who can give you insight about the job, inquire politely if you can ask a few quick questions. Most professionals are eager to help others and make new contacts, and will be thrilled you turned to them.

Meet potential co-workers

Whether or not you'll enjoy a job can often have as much to do with who you work with as what actually you do. You'll want to know how well the team works together and how the office personalities mesh.

If you're not directly connected with anyone in your prospective company on LinkedIn, you can always ask a connection to help you reach out. Utilize big social media networks like Facebook and Twitter to find current and former employees, and then ask if they have a few moments to talk about the company. You might even invite a contact out for coffee to find out more about the company.

Prepare for tough questions

- If you know what questions you're likely to be asked, you'll be better prepared with intelligent answers. Companies such as Google and Apple are notorious for asking weird, brain-teaser questions. You'll want to find out what the most common interview questions are so you're prepared for the basics. Then you'll want to discover what off-the-wall questions the company is likely to ask.
- There's no way to prepare for every curve ball, but using a site like Glassdoor can help. The site allows you to see the questions other users have been asked, which can be invaluable in your own interview prep so you're ready for even the toughest questions.

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Resolve to get ahead in 2013

Advice

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Economists are predicting that there will be a hiring boom in early 2013. It's about time the economy started to bounce back! This is especially good news for young professionals, who suffer from the highest rate of unemployment at 13.5 percent, compared to the overall rate of 7.9 percent. As we begin 2013, here are some career resolutions that will help you land the internship, job or promotion you want.

Develop and manage your online presence: Gone are the days when the PDF rèsumè on your desktop mattered. You need to be on LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter or you will suffer as a result. Recruiters are already searching for you or people with your skills. On LinkedIn, for example, get endorsements for your skills so your profile will appear higher when people are searching. Also, ask for recommendations from people you've worked with in the past to build credibility and relationships with hiring managers.

Focus on your soft skills: Employers are always looking for soft skills — such as communication skills and strong emotional intelligence — when hiring and promoting. By going to events, meetups and just putting yourself in situations where you're around people in your industry, you can develop these skills and further your career.

Work on a passion project: It's important to do work that is meaningful to you, even if it's not part of your full-time gig. By making this time investment, you could potentially do your hobby as your full-time job in the future, so it's well worth the energy. If nothing else, it will help keep you motivated and learning new things.

*— **Dan Schawbel** is a Gen Y career expert, the founder of Millennial Branding and the author of "Me 2.0."*

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Create time for things that are important

If you're a workaholic, then you might find it challenging to make time for other things in your life, but it's important.

Think about other things that matter to you and carve out time for them. It could be your family, friends, meeting new people, a sport or something else.

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▶ When making plans for 2013, remember to set aside time for passion projects.

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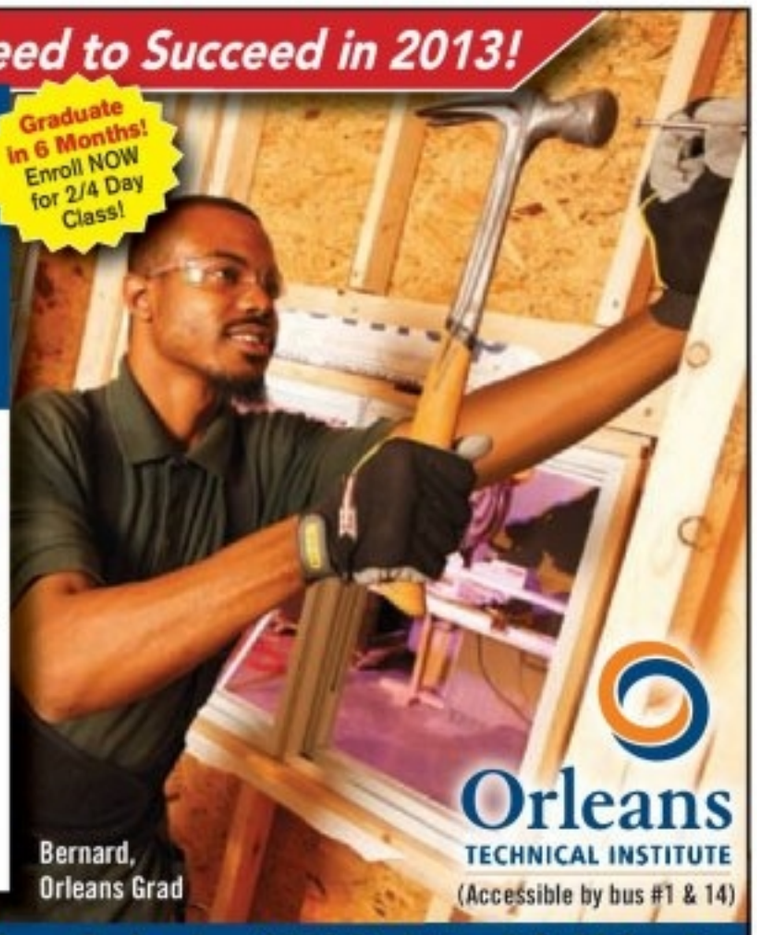

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How to overcome your holiday work hangover

Now that all the festivities are over, you might find yourself dragging your feet on the way into the office. It's a holiday hangover, and it's slowing down your productivity at work. How do you reboot for the new year? We asked the experts.

Tie up any loose ends: Don't let a disorganized 2012 cast a shadow over this year's tasks. "If you have a to-do list that's left over from 2012, resolve to work through it this week," suggests Vicky Oliver, image consultant and author of "The Millionaire's Handbook." "Stale old tasks left undone from the previous year can have a negative impact on your motivation."

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▶ Get cozy with your calendar this year.

Use that new calendar: Organization and time management become much easier when you put your calendar to work. "Consider marking specific blocks of time on your calendar for specific projects," says Shawnice Meador, director of career management at MBA@UNC. "Setting aside time for key daily objectives can really help you be more effective."

Spruce up your drab workspace: A little cubicle makeover can go a long way. "For this time of year — when the days are shorter and we have so many hours of darkness — I suggest that my clients bring more color into their life," explains success and wellness consultant Saideh Browne. "Brightly colored foods, or a brightly colored scarf, or even a brightly colored coffee mug will lighten the air and ward off spiritual and emotional heaviness." ● JULIA WEST

Media-savvy mascots score big at Butler University

Quoted

"He was already so popular on campus, but thanks to social media and traveling around that's automatically raised his status and put him on another scale."
KALTENMARK

● The school's basketball team is going strong, but their bulldog mascots are just as popular

BUTLER UNIVERSITY

▶ You can catch up with Blue II on Twitter, YouTube, Pinterest, Foursquare, Facebook and Ustream.

These are heady times for the basketball Bulldogs of Butler University. The Indianapolis team has reached college basketball's storied Final Four in two of the past three years, recently scored a monumental upset win over in-state powerhouse Indiana University and this season joined a new, more high-profile sports conference in the Atlantic 10.

But all that is just barely enough to overshadow the burgeoning reputation of Blue II, the school's adorable English Bulldog mascot who just launched a national tour and is steadily building a social media empire along the way.

Along with their human assistants, Blue II and his eventual successor, Blue III, have been barnstorming the country in a van bearing their wrinkly likenesses, hitting major markets to further boost Butler's basketball profile through slobbery cuteness and social media savvy.

On Twitter, Blue II shares photos and interacts with his 11,000 followers. He's also got his own blog and posts filtered photos to Instagram and video updates to YouTube. Oh, and he's on Pinterest, Foursquare and Facebook, and shares live video via Ustream.

"He was already so popular on campus, but thanks to social media and traveling around, that's automatically raised his status and put him on another scale," says Butler's director of Web marketing Michael Kaltenmark, who doubles as Blue II's owner, chauffeur and ghost-tweeter.

So far, Blues II and III have hit Louisville and Nashville in conjunction with basketball team road trips. Next up are swings through Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Columbus, Pittsburgh, D.C. and New York City.

But how do Blue II and Blue III feel about the grind of a traveling celebrity? "The dogs love it," Kaltenmark says. "I think they just enjoy getting out of the office."

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Horoscope

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** When out on the town sharing a good time with friends, cough up an equal share of the tab, even if you don't eat or drink as much as some others. It'll make you look small if you don't.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Before driving yourself to the limits in order to achieve an objective, be absolutely certain it's something you want in the first place. There's a chance that your efforts could be misplaced.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Even if you get a choice opportunity to badmouth someone you don't like, it behooves you not to do so. Your pals will wonder if you'd do the same to them.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Someone who is known for taking advantage of others might try to do so with you. If you're on the ball, you won't let him or her get away with it.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** If you find it necessary to team up with another in order to accomplish something, try to solicit an associate who has some experience in the matter at hand.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Do your best to keep up with your duties and responsibilities. You'll quickly find that you're not likely to function efficiently if you allow things to pile up.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** If an unfamiliar subject or situation rears its head, don't pretend that you know something about it. You won't look too good if you're drawn into the discussion.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Budget planning with your family could turn out to be frustrating if everyone wants the advantage. Pay the bills first, and then split what's left.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** It's a mistake to become overly concerned about your coworkers' job performance. Once you start concentrating on them, your own work will suffer.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** You can count on buyer's remorse setting in if you do not manage your resources as well as you should. It behooves you to limit your spending only to what is essential.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** It's possible that you could create a problem with family members by treating outsiders with more consideration than you do them. Don't think the clan won't notice.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** If you insist upon nursing a senseless grudge, you'll only crowd out all the sunshine in your life. Strive to be forgiving and forgetful where old slights are concerned.

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Solution to weekend's crossword

Across
1 Amoebas have one
5 Campus building
9 Bleachers cry
12 Irish Rose's guy
13 Hodgepodges
15 Hay storage unit
16 Part of GTO
17 — de Mayo (Mexican holiday)
18 Thames school
19 "Alas, poor —!"
21 Manger scenes, e.g.
23 Too curious
25 Frond
26 Gridiron div.
29 "Hello, matey!"
31 Made cloudy
35 Cortez's quest
36 Forum wear
38 Nab
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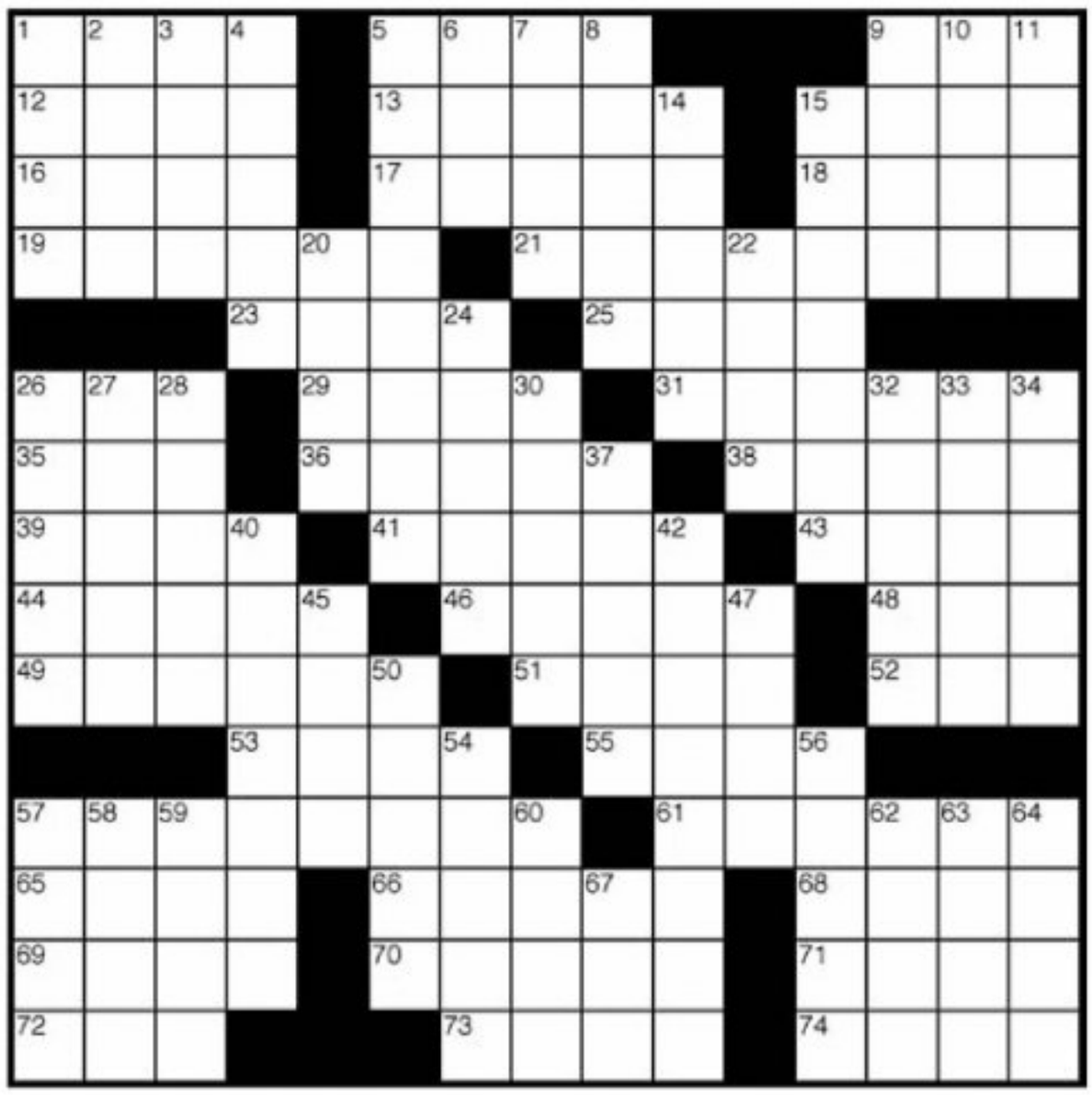

Letters

Measure twice, cut — well, a lot

RE: "THIS BATTLE CAN'T BE WON WITH MILITARY FUNDING" (METRO, JAN. 4-6) Janet Swift Dugdale's recent letter to the editor claimed that cutting $100 billion from the defense budget "would just about eliminate the federal deficit."

Actually, the federal deficit for this year will be over $1.1 trillion dollars, so we still would have a long way to go, even adding in the recent tax rate hikes on the "rich" which raise only $62 billion per year.

As the defense budget makes up only 19 percent of the budget and entitlements make up 62 percent, where else would you cut to reduce the other $1 trillion?

TOM WARD, VIA E-MAIL

"There's no excuse for putting a TV show on the cover of a 'newspaper.' This is just embarrassing. P.S.: 'Portlandia' gets 6 out of 10 stars, FYI."

ELIZABETH ROSE, VIA E-MAIL

New year, new ways to squander the public's trust

Turns out the "fiscal cliff" had as much constraint as a New Year's resolution. Though not easy, like diet and exercise for the overweight, Congress needs the fortitude and a sense of urgency to fulfill the people's work.

GLENN HAYES, VIA E-MAIL

Don't worry, you'll be 'rich'

RE: "BUSINESSES HAVE LOTS OF SPARE CASH — SO LET'S TAKE IT!" (METRO, JAN. 4-6) In response to Dan Combs' letter: If the government keeps taking from the wealthy, eventually they will run out of money and the middle class will become the wealthy and the poor will become the middle class. It's the rotating door of taxes. The solution is to force our government to stop spending more then it has. Also, this country needs to stop blaming President Bush for this mess.Hold Obama to the same strict standards you hold Bush to. Obama is just as big a culprit, with his stimulus and bailouts.

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Close call

Temple nearly upsets Kansas

Temple basketball nearly pulled off an epic road upset. The Owls were leading in the closing minutes yesterday against No. 6 Kansas, only to fall 69-62 after a costly turnover.

Temple (10-3) only committed four turnovers in the entire game. Khalif Wyatt led the Owls with 26 points, with Anthony Lee chipping in 11.

DROP THE PUCK

NHL, players iron out 10-year agreement ◗ Save hockey fans anguish of another season without sport ◗ Approval coming soon

10
Year agreement for the NHL and NHLPA, with an opt-out after eight seasons

50
Percent split in hockey-related revenue between players and owners

$44M
Will be the salary floor for teams, while the cap is set at $64.3 million

7
Years maximum for a free agent contract, though players can re-sign for eight

14
Teams will be entered in the draft lottery, similar to the NBA's structure

$200M
Amount to which revenue sharing will be expanded under the new agreement

Hockey fans don't have to suffer through another puck-free season. The NHL will play an abbreviated 2013 season after all.

The league and the NHLPA reached an agreement early yesterday morning on a new, 10-year collective bargaining agreement to save a season that was quickly slipping away. A deadline of Friday had been put in place to come to an agreement.

"We have reached the framework on a new collective bargaining agreement," NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman told reporters after a marathon 16-hour negotiating session with the NHLPA. Bettman was joined by NHLPA Executive Director Don Fehr.

"The details of [the new CBA] need to be put to paper. We've got to dot a lot of I's and cross a lot of T's. There's still a lot of work to be done, but the basic framework of the deal has been agreed upon," Bettman said. "We have to go through a ratification process. The Board of Governors has to approve it from the league side. Obviously the players have to approve it as well."

It is expected that both the league and the players will sign off on the new CBA and training camps will begin as soon as this week.

It is still to be determined whether there will be a 50-game schedule or a 48-game schedule. The NHL played a 48-game schedule following the 1994-95 lockout.

Teams are unable to comment until the deal is approved by the NHL's Board of Governors. Flyers president Peter Luukko offered a statement.

"Our organization is excited for our players, our coaches and, most particularly, our fans, and we look forward to playing hockey again," he said. "The Flyers are extremely grateful to our loyal and dedicated fans who have shown tremendous patience and support during this process. We will refrain from making any additional comments at this time."

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▶ NHL will likely open up camps this week and could start the season as early as next week, depending how quickly details, such as players returning from Europe, can be worked out.

Game on

Several Flyers took to Twitter yesterday to comment on the end of the NHL lockout.

- **Claude Giroux (@28CGiroux):** It's a beautiful day for Hockey. #GameOn#missthegame
- **Max Talbot (@Max25talbot):** Thanks/sorry Fans media and everyone affected by this lockout. Never a fun situation. Now lets go play some hockey!
- **Jody Shelley (@shelley-hawk45):** Back to the fun stuff!!!!! #GameOn

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Welcome back, Flyers! Orange and Black back with a vengeance

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▶ Wayne Simmonds and the Flyers are back.

Now that he NHL lockout is over — well, unofficially over — it's time for the Flyers to get back to work. Training camps are expected to open Wednesday, with games tentatively set for Jan. 15. There is a rumor that the Flyers will host the Penguins in their opener at the Wells Fargo Center.

And everyone is excited about finally having hockey back.

"People were bored. The players, we were bored, too," Claude Giroux told NHL Network. "Just to have the game back, I think the fans are gonna love it. I'm really excited to go back on the ice."

With the Eagles in rebuilding mode, the Sixers mired in mediocrity and the Phillies still a month away from spring training, this is what Philadelphia needed to restore the city's sports enthusiasm. With that in mind, let's list why we're amped for hockey:

This is our year ... No, really, it is

The Flyers have gone 37 straight seasons without hoisting Lord Stanley's Cup, so why should this year be any different? Well, for starters, this Flyers' team is loaded. The Flyers return rising star Claude Giroux (93 points, No. 3 in the NHL in 2011-12) as well as the nucleus of a team that tallied 260 goals, good for second-best in the NHL. Secondly, looking out at the Philly sports landscape, the Flyers are honestly the city's best chance to lead a parade down Broad Street.

Faster than a speeding puck

Hockey is one of the fastest and most exciting sports around. Factor in a condensed schedule (reportedly at least 48 games per team) and only intra-conference games (more cracks at Pittsburgh) and you've got the potential for the most meaningful regular season in history.

Philly bleeds Orange and Black

It's true. As much passion as the Eagles and Phillies (sorry, Sixers) evoke in the average Philadelphia sports fan, Flyers fans are a different breed. People don Pelle Lindbergh sweaters and new fan favorite Wayne Simmonds T-shirts even when it's not hockey season. Want proof? Go down to XFINITY Live! and watch a Flyers game. It's surreal.

Upon further booth review

We all know how great the TV broadcast team of Jim Jackson, Keith Jones, Steve Coates and Bill Clement are. *(Jackson can turn Ilya Bryzgalov into Bernie Parent with the right inflection in his call.)* But the emergence of radio broadcaster Chris Therien is what we're looking forward to. The former Flyer openly pleaded for the Flyers to punch Sidney Crosby in the face last year.

Ilya Bryzgalov's space odyssey

Ahh, the return of Bryzgalov. Love him or hate him, the goalie is the most entertaining athlete in the city, maybe in all of hockey. Whether he's pondering the vastness of the universe, trying on a space suit or benching himself, Bryz is a media darling. Let's just hope he can stop some pucks. METRO

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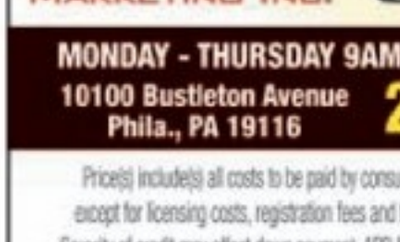
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Birds high on Kelly, waiting for answer

Marathon meeting ends without NFL contract Oregon coach mulling staying on campus Eagles arrange other interviews

Chip Kelly has been the top candidate to replace Andy Reid ever since the Eagles racked up their eighth loss. On Saturday, the two sides reportedly met for nine hours.

Kelly, who also interviewed with Cleveland, met with owner Jeff Lurie, president Don Smolenski and GM Howie Roseman Saturday in Arizona. It started as a lunch meeting and then dragged on into the night, forcing Kelly to cancel a second interview with Cleveland.

The Browns have reportedly re-opened their coaching search, while the Eagles are awaiting Kelly's response. He will either choose the Birds or stay at Oregon.

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▶ Kelly could be using the Eagles as leverage to get a pay increase at Oregon.

The Eagles were in Denver yesterday interviewing Broncos offensive coordinator Mike McCoy. Syracuse coach Doug Marrone, another candidate high on the team's wish list, inked a deal to be Buffalo's head coach.

The Eagles have also requested permission to meet with Colts offensive coordinator Bruce Arians, Seahawks defensive coordinator Gus Bradley and Bengals offensive coordinator Jay Gruden.

Kelly is still thought to be Lurie's top pick, according to a team source.

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Eagles open to bring Vick back to land right coach

Chip Kelly has zero NFL experience. Last offseason, he was tabbed to be Tampa Bay's next head coach, then backed out at the last minute. But several NFL general managers and owners, including Jeffrey Lurie, have fallen in love with his innovative spread offense, which thrives on speed and misdirection.

The Eagles, as currently constructed, could be an ideal fit for Kelly — especially if the team brought back Mike Vick. That is something the Eagles are considering, according to reports, and selling Kelly hard on. Of course, bringing Vick back would cost the Eagles $15.5 million.

Vick and Nick Foles would provide two contrasting styles that Kelly could interchange to throw off defenses. The team is also stacked with speed at the skill positions, with DeSean Jackson, Jeremy Maclin, LeSean McCoy and Bryce Brown. METRO

The other guys

Also up for interview:

1 **Bruce Arians:** One of the finest play-callers in football, he led the Colts to a 9-3 record as interim coach — which is the most wins by any interim coach in NFL history.

2 **Gus Bradley:** Seattle's defense ranks No. 1 in points allowed (15.3) and No. 4 in yards (306.2). He survived a coaching change in 2010, when Pete Carroll took the reins.

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A weekend to remember: Texans, Packers, Ravens, Seahawks win

NFL wild card recap

One of the most exciting weekends on the NFL calendar is in the books. Four teams moved on to the divisional round next week.

Texans, 19
Bengals, 13

The Texans looked like their early-season selves Saturday. Arian Foster ran for 140 yards and a score and Houston's defense smothered Cincinnati early and late to earn the win. The reward is a rematch with New England, the team that beat them 42-14 in Week 14. Bengals quarterback Andy Dalton never got into a rhythm, finishing 14-of-30 for 127 yards and a pick. The offense went 0-for-9 on third down and failed to score a TD.

Packers, 24
Vikings, 10

Green Bay is healthy at the right time. Aaron Rodgers (274 yards, one TD) carved up the Vikings' secondary, and his defense held Adrian Peterson to 99 yards. The Packers also got a nice boost from running back DuJuan Harris (47 yards, one TD). Minnesota was undermanned from the start, as backup quarterback Joe Webb was forced into action after starter Christian Ponder (triceps) was ruled out. Webb, who hadn't thrown a pass all season, looked out of sorts all night, taking sacks and throwing balls in the dirt. He went 11-of-30 for 180 yards, with a touchdown and an interception.

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▶ Griffin congratulates Wilson after the Redskins' 24-14 loss to the Seahawks.

Ravens, 24
Colts, 9

The Ray Lewis Farewell Tour has at least one more game scheduled, after his Ravens disposed of the Colts yesterday afternoon. Lewis, who announced that he would retire after the season earlier in the week, and the Ravens will travel to Denver next week to try and avenge a 34-17 defeat. Anquan Boldin was the hero in this one, setting a franchise record with 145 receiving yards, including the game-clinching touchdown. Temple alum Bernard Pierce rushed for 103 yards, with Joe Flacco throwing for 282 yards.

Looking ahead

Here are next week's matchups for the divisional round:

- Ravens at Broncos, Saturday, 4:30 p.m.
- Packers at 49ers, Saturday, 8 p.m.
- Texans at Patriots, Sunday, 4:30 p.m.
- Seahawks at Falcons, Sunday, 1 p.m.

Seahawks, 24
Redskins, 14

Seattle won a road playoff game for the first time since 1983, thanks to a huge day on the ground from Marshawn Lynch (132 yards). The Seahawks trailed 14-0 after the first quarter, then outscored the Redskins 24-0 in the final three quarters. Russell Wilson finished 15-of-26 for 187 yards and a score. Momentum swung early when Washington quarterback Robert Griffin III re-injured his balky knee on the second drive of the game. The rookie stayed in but was unable to run at full speed. RG3 was finally pulled after his leg gave out following a botched snap late in the fourth quarter. ● METRO

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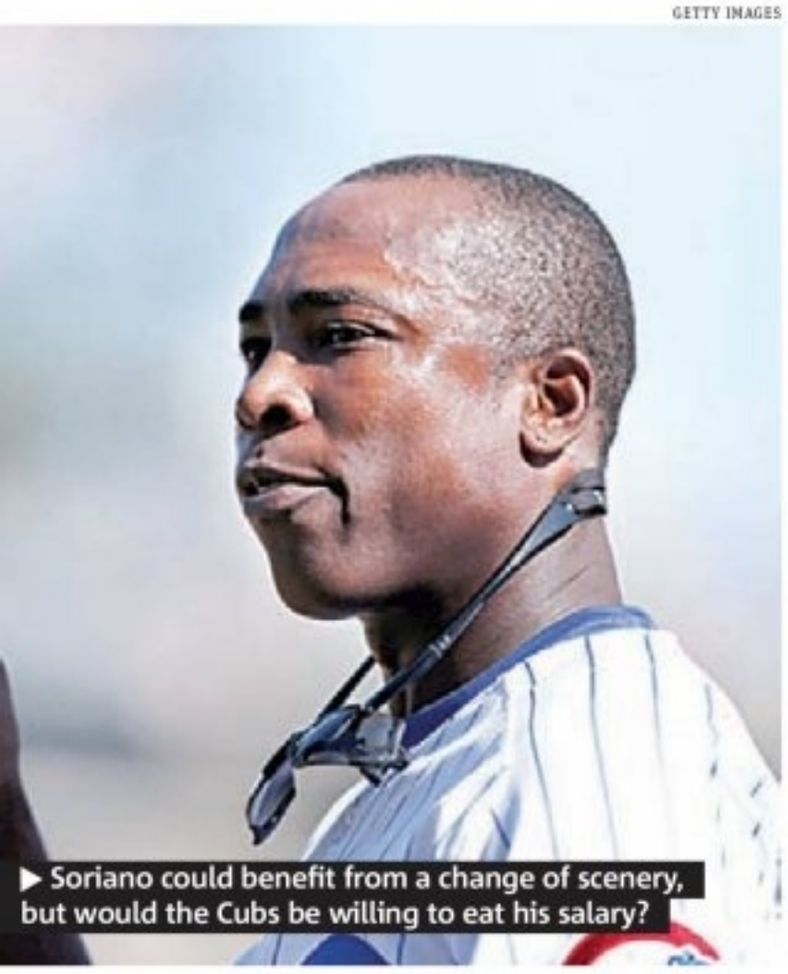

▶ Soriano could benefit from a change of scenery, but would the Cubs be willing to eat his salary?

Executive: Phillies in mix for Cubs' Soriano

◗ Corner outfielder could be had in trade ◗ Does Amaro have one more trick up his sleeve? ◗ NL executive thinks he might

Ruben Amaro Jr. implied that he would be patient during the offseason even though the Phillies ended the 2012 campaign with a number of job openings.

The Phillies GM has taken his time. He has also filled the third base void, the setup role and center field.

One glaring need remains, a spot for a power-hitting corner outfielder. The Phillies passed on a number of pricey free agents. Will Amaro stand pat going into the season opener?

"I have my doubts," a NL executive said. "I think the Phillies are biding their time. I have a feeling they'll make a trade eventually to bolster the outfield."

Alfonso Soriano could be available. The word was that the Phillies and Cubs talked about a deal in December, but it's complicated. Soriano has two-years left on his gigantic, $136-million contract. The bigger issue than who the Phillies give up is how much salary the Cubs would be willing to eat.

Soriano, who turned 37 today, has a no-trade clause and he exercised that when the Cubs attempted to deal him to the San Francisco Giants. Would Soriano, who will make $36 million over the next two seasons, give the thumbs up to a trade to Philly?

"That's a good question," the NL executive said. "Soriano played well last season. If he's looking for a park that's like Wrigley, Philly would be a nice fit for him.

"It would also be an opportunity for him to win, which doesn't appear to be in the cards for him in Chicago over the next two years."

There are also rumors that the Angels will deal former All-Star outfielder Vernon Wells.

"I would rather go with Soriano than Wells no matter how much salary is consumed by the Angels," the NL executive said. "We'll see what happens. I have a feeling the Phillies are good for one more move and I think it's a corner outfield [acquisition]. We'll see what happens."

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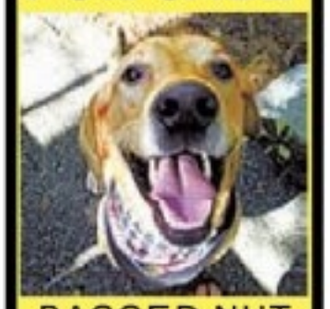
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